



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 6.5

Soil moisture supplies: 3% very short, 21% short, 72% adequate and 4% surplus

Field Crops Report

Rainfall was sporadic across the state. Corn planting increased to 97% complete, and 79% has emerged. Rice producers had planted 66% of the rice, 11% had emerged. Aphids appeared on seedling rice. Sorghum producers had completed 43% of planting. Soybean producers completed 11% of planting. Cotton producers had 5% of the crop planted. Sugarcane producers were busy applying herbicides and cultivating fields. Winter wheat headed continued to lag far behind the 5-year average, at 29% compared with 74% for the average.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Vegetable producers harvested greenhouse tomatoes, and fertigated bell pepper and tomato fields. Strawberry producers continued spraying and harvesting strawberries. Crawfish production improved.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Cattlemen cut ryegrass to make hay and fertilized pastures.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2009	5 YR AVG
Land Preparation	Spring plowing	77	73	86	75
Corn	Planted	97	94	94	94
	Emerged	79	40	72	68
Cotton	Planted	5	0	4	3
Rice	Planted	66	50	56	56
	Emerged	15	0	21	30
Sorghum	Planted	43	25	12	29
Soybeans	Planted	11	2	6	3
Winter Wheat	Headed	29	4	87	74

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Sugarcane	5	19	50	21	5
Winter Wheat	0	4	45	49	2
Livestock	2	9	41	42	6
Vegetables	6	11	38	41	4
Pasture	2	14	50	30	4



**LOUISIANA OFFICE OF STATE CLIMATOLOGY, LSU, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA
LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 04/05/10 TO 04/11/10**

	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	83	40	66	62	0.45	1.07	9.65	15.35
Minden	84	38	65	62	0.65	1.57	11.88	16.80
Mooringsport	83	43	65	MM	0.39	1.56	11.46	14.14
Extreme/Average	84	38	65	63	0.50	1.40	11.00	15.67
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	84	39	65	62	0.51	1.61	10.08	18.08
Homer/Hill Farm	85	(35)	63	61	1.17	1.92	14.06	17.08
ULM-Monroe	85	43	67	63	0.79	1.76	10.56	18.99
Columbia Lock	84	41	66	MM	0.57	1.85	9.30	19.43
Extreme/Average	85	35	65	63	0.76	1.74	9.98	18.03
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	85	44	66	62	0.80	2.24	9.89	19.62
LSU-St Joseph	84	42	67	63	0.24	1.68	15.35	19.59
LSU-Winnboro	84	45	67	63	1.30	2.50	10.44	18.84
Tallulah	85	42	66	62	0.95	2.38	12.02	19.46
Extreme/Average	85	42	67	63	0.82	1.96	12.62	19.30
4. West-Central								
Leesville	83	36	65	64	0.15	1.62	11.40	17.25
LSU-Rosepine	83	38	65	63	0.00	1.51	12.39	17.11
Natchitoches	(87)	44	69	63	0.19	1.01	10.83	17.08
Extreme/Average	87	36	65	63	0.08	1.62	11.40	17.04
5. Central								
Alexandria	77	40	62	64	0.26	1.21	13.09	18.61
Brusly	MM	MM	MM	64	M.MM	M.MM	MM.MM	19.01
Bunkie	84	42	66	65	0.10	0.78	15.70	19.13
LSU-Alexandria	83	44	67	64	0.01	0.72	13.93	17.81
Extreme/Average	84	40	65	65	0.12	0.90	14.24	18.54
6. East-Central								
Franklinton 5SW	81	42	66	MM	0.19	0.86	14.13	MM.MM
LSU-Baton Rouge	82	41	66	65	0.09	0.68	10.78	17.81
Amite	83	40	67	64	0.10	1.32	13.80	20.85
LSU-Hammond	81	40	66	64	0.52	1.12	10.99	19.98
Slideell	80	43	65	65	0.25	2.14	15.68	19.16
Extreme/Average	83	40	66	65	0.23	1.22	13.08	19.71
7. Southwest								
DeRidder	83	41	66	65	0.00	1.44	14.77	17.76
Jennings	82	45	67	65	0.14	1.23	10.48	15.85
LSU-Crowley	82	44	67	66	0.13	0.90	8.89	16.33
Extreme/Average	83	41	67	66	0.09	1.19	11.38	15.91
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	84	43	67	66	0.01	0.33	12.24	17.62
LSU-Jeanerette	82	46	67	65	0.51	0.88	10.48	15.58
Morgan City	80	51	67	66	0.12	0.25	8.67	16.43
Extreme/Average	84	43	67	66	0.21	0.49	10.46	16.47
9. Southeast								
Galliano	80	49	66	66	0.15	2.40	16.00	17.62
Houma	81	45	67	67	0.17	0.84	11.97	16.62
Terrytown 3S	82	50	69	MM	0.58	1.85	13.66	MM.MM
Reserve	MM	MM	MM	66	M.MM	M.MM	MM.MM	19.43
Extreme/Average	82	45	68	67	0.30	1.70	13.88	18.00
State								
State Averages	87	35	66	65	0.33	1.35	12.18	17.68

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through April 11, 2010

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